shown in the photo on the left is a view of the elevated head tables, the right shows a portion of the more than 750 Officers and Members of the Lodges in the 36th Masonic District and neighboring Lodges that attended. Members of Chester Chapter, Order of DeMolay participated in a special ceremony where Bro. William R. Grand Master of the 36th Masonic District, presided over the proceedings.

Masonic Blood Donor Club Needs Members

The Masonic Blood Donor Club, with its office located at 3511 Rittenhouse Clareidge, 18th and Walnut Sts. Philadelphia 19103, is anxious and hopeful of enlisting many more Masons.

Participation in this Blood Donor Club includes protection for the Member and his dependents. Membership could also relieve him of costly payments for large quantities of blood if ever needed.

Bro. Wayne W. Thompson, Past Master and Secretary of Lodge No. 211, the driving force in this new fraternal endeavor, relates that nearly 1300 Members of Lodges and other Masonic Bodies have “signed-up” thus far. But Bro. Thompson says: “This is far too few Members if we are to provide needed blood for Masons and their dependents in, what we hope, is an ever expanding outreach.

Detailed information may be obtained by writing to the address listed above. Or you may wish to call by dialing 215-MASON-ON-76.

Seven New District Chairmen Appointed

Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, has appointed seven new District Chairmen to the Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture. They are:

15th MASONIC DISTRICT — Bro. Kenneth M. King, Canton Lodge, No. 144.

The Grand Lodge Committee on Masonic Culture is most appreciative for the excellent service extended by the District Chairmen in their respective Districts. They have proven to be real “liaison” in the promotion and advancement of our Grand Lodge Masonic Culture Program.

Thank You

An expression of sincere appreciation is extended to all Pennsylvania Masons who keep their respective Lodge Secretaries notified of changes of addresses.

The courtesy and cooperation means so much to a Lodge Secretary. In turn, shares the new addresses with us so we can maintain a more current and accurate mailing list for circulating ‘The Pennsylvania Freemason.”

However, there is still room for improvement in our objective to reach all Pennsylvania Masons with the quarterly publication of our Grand Lodge. With each mailing of “The Pennsylvania Freemason,” too many copies are never delivered. Instead, we receive those expensive Postal Return Forms telling us the addressess have moved.

So, Brethren, we ask you to please notify your Lodge Secretary immediately when you change address.

Thank you

How We Obtained Bro. Washington’s Masonic Apron

Bro. and General Marie Jean Paul Joseph Roche Yeys Gilbert du Motier, Marquis de Lafayette, visited America in the year 1784, arriving at New York on August 8th of that year. Remaining but a short time he hastened to visit General Washington at Mount Vernon.

One of the objects of his visit with Bro. and General Washington, was to present him with a beautiful white satin Masonic Apron bearing the national colors, red, white and blue, and embroidered elaborately with Masonic emblems, the whole being the hard-work of Madame Marquis de Lafayette.

This Apron was enclosed in a handsome rosewood box when presented to Washington, and was worn by him on September 19, 1785 when he laid the corner stone of the Capitol at the Federal City (Washington, D.C.), and is now on display in the Museum Room of the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania Masonic Temple, Philadelphia.

After the death of Washington, this Apron was presented to the legislators to the Washington Benevolent Society on October 26, 1816 who, in turn, presented it, on May 3, 1829, to the Grand Lodge F. & A. M. of Pennsylvania Masonic Temple and bears the following inscription:

WASHINGTON MASONIC APRON

November 4, 1776" as the date of the first Masonic meeting held in America, to the Grand Lodge, and the Apron bears the inscription:

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The June Quarterly To Be Held at Masonic Homes

The June Quarterly Communication of Grand Lodge will be held at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown, Wednesday, June 4, 1969.

Grand Lodge will convene at 7:00 p.m. in the DeWitt Auditorium, which comfortably seats approximately 500.

Guided tours through the Homes and Patton School will be arranged during the day for interested Brethren.
From Our Grand Secretary's Office
December Quarterly Communication, December 4, 1968

The December Quarterly Communication continues to attract a large number of Masonic Chapters and Lodges. The Past Grand Lodge Mason will take place on December 4th, along with fifty District Deputy Grand Masters. The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, will be held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on December 4th, along with fifty District Deputy Grand Masters.

The Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania will be held on December 4th, along with fifty District Deputy Grand Masters. The Right Worshipful Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, will be held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, on December 4th, along with fifty District Deputy Grand Masters.

The Order of DeMolay is celebrating its 50th Anniversary in 1969. I am sure all of you who watched the Tournament of Roses Parade on New Year's Day were thrilled with the spectacular DeMolay float, the kick-off event of DeMolay's 50th Anniversary.

On the 18th day of March, 1919, mainly through the efforts of Bro. Frank Leland, of Kanesville Lodge, No. 56, DeMolay came into existence. Its two Degrees have not only been most inspiring and impressive to the nearly three million initiates, but also to the many thousands of DeMolay who have witnessed their exemplification.

Masons in the next fifty years, and many more, continue its glorious achievements in development and good citizenship among the young men who enter its ranks. Make 1969 its biggest and best year thus far.

The Boys and Girls at the Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown continue their excellent progress. Thomas Dawson is the new Permanent Assistant Governor of the College, and is scheduled to enter the College in the fall of 1969. The Masonic Homes at Elizabethtown High School, and hopes to enter Franklin and Marshall College next year. The only Girl are on the School Honor Roll.

The Joy of Being Remembered: Has your Lodge written to your Members who have passed on, Brother? Or your Members who are in the Masonic Homes, or who are ill?

Bro. John Shane, who as a Member of Aberdeen Lodge in Scotland, in 1769, was the first Mason to come to this Country. He came here in 1868 and served as Deputy Governor of the Colonies from 1868 to 1890.

Bro. Benjamin Franklin, one of our early Members, once said, "An investment in knowledge always pays the best interest."

Your "interest" in your Lodge and Freemasonry will also pay big dividends.


In Memoriam
Grand Lodge has recently lost two of its most dedicated Members: Bro. W. Irvine West, a Member of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania; and Bro. Robert L. Myers, a Member of the Committee on Masonic Temples, Halls and Lodge Rooms, and a former Grand Lodge Steward.

A recent recipient of a Grand Lodge Fifty Year Emblem wrote us and said: "I will be proud to wear it as a symbol of long association with our splen-
did fraternity." Another wrote, "I have always regarded it as an honor to be included in the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania as Masonic fraternity as a privilege, and as a challenge to better living." These are thoughtful words for all of us.
A Toast to Brother George Washington

The following is a response to the memory of Brother George Washington given at a Table Lodge by Bro. W. LaRoy McKinley, R. W. Past Grand Master, back in 1955 when he was then District Deputy Grand Master of Masonic District "D" Philadelphia, Pa.

Brethren, it's rather difficult to respond to a toast at a Table Lodge without regretting too much of what has been said many times before and usually by much more competent speakers. Sometimes, in thinking of it over in anticipation of a meeting such as this it seems impossible.

It's like the response the teacher received when he was testing the pupils' knowledge of proverbs. She asked: "Cleanliness is next to what?" and a small youngster promptly replied, "Impossible!"

And then, as we try to develop our thoughts, wonder whether we can present them in a way to be properly understood — how it's going to turn out. Like the farmer who was building a structure along the side of a country road when his neighbor asked, "What you buildin', Sir?" and the reply was, "Well, if I can rent it, it's a rustic cottage. — If I can't, it's a cow shed."

Brethren, whether you get a rustic cottage or a cow shed, your approach to a toast to our deceased Brother is in the form of a single sentence, but I would like to discuss that sentence in three parts.

The first part of my sentence is: "In my opinion there was practically nothing of an outstanding nature or of unusual character in Brother George's career, recorded as an Entered Apprentice but its development was appreciable as a Fellow Craft."

For the next 20 years, what I like to consider as the Fellow Craft period of his life, he was the social leader in the family home at Mt. Vernon. He enjoyed riding, fox hunting, dancing, wrestling, and even some gambling on the side.

At 27 he married a widow with two children. He never had children of his own. His wife was one of the most remarkable women who ever lived. When his fortune was added to his, the tempest of the social life at Mt. Vernon was ended. At the same time, a man was once declared that he and his wife had not had a dinner alone in their home for years.

It was during this period when his military career had its real birth and in the latter part of the period when his political career had its inception. He was appointed to the rank of major in one of Virginia's military districts, later lieutenant colonel, then colonel and finally brigadier general of Virginia troops. Certainly he made some mistakes. A former colleague had been removed by the Grand Master of Masonic District "C" to Alexandria, Virginia. His resignation was requested by the Grand Lodge of Virginia, he became its Worshipful Master, was later elected and was unanimously re-elected. He was sworn in as President by the Grand Lodge of Virginia.

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Three-month Itinerary of Grand Lodge Officers

Grand Lodge Officers continue their rather active program for the next three months with a schedule that includes:

March 1—Grand Master: District Officer’s Meeting, Districts 1 and 46, Bloomsburg.

March 7—Grand Master: District Officer’s Meeting, Districts 22 and 57, Pittsburgh.

March 11—Grand Master: Washington, Jefferson, and Meet, one night, Elizabethtown.

March 13—Grand Master: Special Communication of the Grand Lodge, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, and Masonic Emblem.

March 16—Grand Master: District Officer’s Meeting, Districts 1, 4, 15, 16, 17, and 18, Briggsville.

March 18—Grand Master: District Officer’s Meeting, Districts 49, 50, 51, and 52, Easton.

March 22—Grand Master: District Officer’s Meeting, Districts 46, 47, and 48, Con­

ertop.

March 24—Grand Lodge Officers: Meeting, Committee on Masonic Homes, Eliza­

bethtown.

March 27—Grand Master: District Officer’s Meeting, Districts 19, 20, 21, 22, and 23, New Castle.

March 29—Grand Master: District Officer’s Meeting, Districts 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29, Stoystown.

April 1—Grand Master: Grand Lodge of Connecticut.

April 3—Grand Master: 175th Anniversary, Lodge No. 62, Reading.

April 4—Grand Master: 100th Anniversary, Mason Lodge No. 436, Philadelphia.

April 5—Grand Master: Special Communication of the Grand Lodge, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

April 19—Grand Master: 100th Anniversary, Lodge No. 641, McKeesport.

April 28—Grand Master: Grand Lodge Officers’ Meeting, Districts 20, 21, 22 and 24, and Pen­

nsylvania.

May 16—District Deputy Grand Master: 75th Anniversary, Lodge No. 433, Monroe.

May 16—District Deputy Grand Master: 175th Anniversary, Lodge No. 641, McKeesport.


May 24—Grand Master: District Officer’s Meeting, Districts 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24, Easton.

May 26—Grand Master: Maryland, Lodge No. 432, Philadelphia.

May 30—Grand Master: 100th Anniversary, Lodge No. 641, McKeesport.

June 1—Grand Master: Special Communication of the Grand Lodge, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown.

June 3—Grand Master: District Officer’s Meeting, Districts 25, 26, 27, 28, and 29, Council Bluffs.

July 2—Grand Master: 175th Anniversary, Lodge No. 641, McKeesport.

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August 6—District Deputy Grand Master: 175th Anniversary, Lodge No. 641, McKeesport.


Questions and Answers

Booklet Is Still Available

The 36-page pocket size Questions and Answers booklet is still available for purchase.

The booklet contains 124 answers to questions frequently asked about Freemasonry, may be purchased in single copies or in quantity at ten cents for purchase.

A Final Reminder

March 15 is Closing Date For Current Guest Fund

Pennsylvania Masons are reminded that March 15th is the closing date for contributions to the current "Guest Fund" for the Masonic Homes at Eliza­

bethtown.

Contributions should be made payable to the "Guest Fund" and mailed to the Executive Director, Masonic Homes, Elizabethtown, Pa. 17022.

All such gifts are tax deductible.

Dormitory Counselor

Is Needed at Patton

The position of Dormitory Coun­

sellor is still open at Patton Masonic School.

A retired teacher, one who may be a substitute teacher in the absence of a regular teacher, is preferred.

The position includes a small bachel­

or apartment or a larger apartment suitable for a couple, with meals in the dining hall when school is in session, plus a salary.

Persons interested in applying should contact Dr. John W. Kopp, Superintendent, Patton Masonic School, Eliz­


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School of Instruction

Sectional Meetings Set

Bro. Raymond H. Grimm, Instructor of Ritualistic Work, announces dates for Sectional Meetings of the School of Instruction as follows:

Wilkesburg—March 1st.

Uniontown—March 8th.

New Castle—March 25th.

Harrisburg—March 29th.

Pleasant Hills, Pittsburgh—April 12th.

Everett—April 19th.

Scranton—May 17th.

Kane—September 20th.

Three sectional Meetings are arranged to afford more of the Brethren an opportunity to attend and observe the rehearsals of the author­

ized work. As much time as is necessary will be allotted to the Brethren to study the Ritual at each of these sessions.

Classes Are Being Formed for Fall At Patton School

Dr. John W. Kopp, Superintendent, urges our Lodge to start now in recruiting qualified students for the Fall Classes at Patton Masonic School.

Those desiring details and information should contact Dr. John W. Kopp, Superinten­

dent, Patton Masonic School, Eliza­


Two District Deputy Grand Masters Named

Two new Deputy Grand Masters have been appointed by Bro. John R. Young, R. W. Grand Master:

Bro. E. Robert W. Whiteside, Sr., Masonic District "F" vice Bro. Herman W.

it, who was created a Past District Deputy Grand Master, Bro. Whiteside.

Past Master of Franklin Lodge, No. 134, Philadelphia, is Manager of the Stationary and Office Supp­

ly Division of Brookes Company, Philadelphia. He was formally pre­

sented to his District on January 11, by Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master.


estra, is a partner in a general store and Postmaster in Bainbridge Borough Council. He was formally presented to his District on January 13, by Bro. Hiram P. Ball, R. W. Deputy Grand Master.

Grand Master Names Seven New Principals For Masonic Schools

Bro. John K. Young, R. W. Grand Master, has recently appointed new Principals in seven of the fifty-nine Masonic Schools of Instruction throughout our Jurisdiction.

Our list is not to be considered as final. It is not a mere place in which to enjoy fraternal fellowship. It is not a mere structure rising some 76 feet from the main floor to the apex. The Lodge Rooms is beautifully finished in California cedar and redwood paneling. It is air-conditioned and equipped with a public address system. A large dining room is located on the ground floor. Lodge meetings visitations to the Masonic Homes, may arrange to hold a Special Meeting in this Masonic Temple.

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